

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants incorporate by reference herein those arguments previously presented on pages 2 through 4 of Response B, filed October 28, 2005. The Examiner is incorrect in asserting that these arguments were “not coextensive with the claimed language.” The arguments clearly pointed out how the claimed identifier of the present invention enables the determination of whether or not a particular communication connection is established, and how the cited prior art fails to teach or suggest any such similar feature. The Examiner is not relieved of the burden to answer these arguments by the mere declaration, without support, that the arguments did not follow the claimed language. They did.

The Examiner has still failed to cite to any teaching or suggestion from the prior art that allows the determination of whether or not a communication connection is established, from an identifier written in the communication request. The “identifiers” the Examiner cites in the prior art are never described as being capable of enabling such a determination. How broadly the Examiner interprets the reference is irrelevant. The Examiner is not entitled to interpret the reference more broadly than it actually teaches or suggests. Even at its broadest reasonable interpretation, Colyer’s identifier cannot read upon that claimed by the present invention. The anticipation rejection is therefore deficient on its face, and should have been withdrawn.

Nevertheless, although no further amendments are necessary to overcome the outstanding rejection, in an effort to expedite prosecution only, the claims are further amended

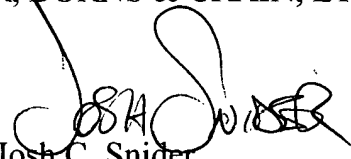
herein to even better highlight the inappropriateness of the outstanding rejection. These amendments further illustrate how Colyer's identifier cannot read upon the claimed identifier of the present invention. In addition to those arguments presented above and previously, the outstanding rejection should be withdrawn for at least these reasons as well.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this Application, including claims 1, 3-5, 7-9, and 11-12, is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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